ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY.

MARCH 11, 1833.

PHILADELPHIA:

1833

LIST

OF

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OF THE

APPRENTICES' LIBRARY COMPANY

OF PHILADELPHIA.

1833-4.

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SAMUEL SELLERS.

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The Board of Managers, in the fulfilment of their official duty, respectfully Report:

That during the past year nine hundred and forty-four volumes have been added to the Library (of which number two hundred were selected from donations, and seven hundred and forty-four obtained by purchase) and four hundred and twenty-six volumes have been re-bound. The collection now consists of about eight thousand volumes, chosen with a conscientious regard to the best interests of those who use them, and embraces works in almost every department of science, literature, and useful arts. Within the same period thirty-three members have been added to the Company, and seven hundred and fifty-four new applicants admitted to the privileges of the institution. The number now participating in its benefits is nine hundred and thirty-one, and about six thousand individuals are estimated to have enjoyed its advantages since its establishment. $335 68 have been expended for the purchase and re-binding of books, and $651 83 in defraying other incidental charges of the establishment.

The deportment of the boys has generally been orderly, and the same zeal to acquire useful knowledge, which has been witnessed by our predecessors, still prevails amongst them. The unsettled claim of the Company to a portion of the real estate of the late John Grandon, has been confided to a special committee, and measures are in progress to place the testimony relating to it on record.

The additional facilities of access resulting from the more frequent opening of the Library, are believed to have secured the benefits expected from them, and obviate the interruptions which necessarily occurred, in the delivery of books by the throng of applicants.

Immediately after the organization of the Board, it was deemed adviseable to call the attention of our fellow citizens to the institution in a more impressive manner than had been produced by means of the annual reports, and in an address delivered by John Sergeant, President of the Company, its claims to public favour were eloquently sustained. From the knowledge of its character and objects, thus diffused, permanent good may be confidently expected. The establishment of the "*Apprentices' Library*," in the year 1820, for the promotion of orderly and virtuous habits, and the diffusion of the benefits of education, gave an impulse to public feeling in favour of the great work of intellectual culture, and has been followed by the founding of other institutions of a literary and scientific character, which are now actively employed in disseminating useful knowledge. These institutions are daily strengthened by the enrolment of members from that numerous class of individuals, whose first impressions of the value

of study had been drawn from our interesting collection of books; and orderly and correct deportment has followed as the necessary consequence of a cultivated mind. We have thus secured the continuance of these institutions in all their usefulness, and fostered the principles of virtue received in the elementary schools. Our institution may therefore be said to occupy a middle and very important rank in the business of education; sweetening the toils of apprenticeship, by the rich repast furnished in the works of the wise and good, and removing the tendency to vicious indulgence, which idleness too frequently induces.

As the special guardians of the *Apprentices' Library*, we would continue its claim to an endowment adequate to its extensive usefulness, and hope that the munificence of the public may place it, as far as possible, beyond the reach of that decay to which all human institutions are subject.

By order of the Board of Managers.

PHILIP GARRETT, *Chairman.*

FREDERIC FRALEY, *Secretary.*

Philadelphia, Third-month, March, 11*th,* 1833.

Dr. "*The Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia*" *in account with Samuel Sellers, Treasurer.* Cr.

FROM MARCH 12, 1832, TO MARCH 11, 1833.

To Balance,			$ 12	By Cash Contributions from Members,	$617	
To Cash paid sundry orders of the Board of Managers, viz.				Deduct Com. Collecting,	46 12	
						570 88
Librarian's Salaries,			265 75	" Donations, from Joseph D. Brown,	100	
Rent,			125	" " Thomas Astley,	25	
Book Committee,			250	" " A Citizen,	10	
Insurance on Books,			6			135 00
Room Committee, for furniture, alterations, oil, fuel, opening rooms, and attendance,			96 05	" of Librarian for Fines, Catalogues, &c.,		116 87
Binding Books,			85 68	" 1 year's in'st. Ches. & Del. Canal Loan,	$108	
Paper for Address,	$29 34			" " Dividends, Bank N. Amer.	20	
Printing do.,	61 89			" " " Farm. & Mech. Bank,	4	
			91 23	" " Ground Rent,	75	
Printing Cards, Labels, &c.,			41 50			207 00
Stationary,			12 00			
Serving Address and Notices,			14 30			
To Balance, due Company,			30 24			
		Dollars,	1029 75		*Dollars,*	1029 75

SAMUEL SELLERS, Treasurer.

Philadelphia, March 11, 1833.

The Subscribers, a Committee of the Board of Managers of the Apprentices' Library Company, appointed to examine and settle the account of Samuel Sellers, Treasurer, have attended to that duty, and find the account correct, and a balance due the Company, this day, of thirty dollars twenty-four cents.

SAMUEL MASON, Jr.
THOMAS RIDGWAY.

Philadelphia, 3d mo. 9th, 1833.

Several donations have been received since the date of the Treasurer's account, which will be noticed in the next account.

Form of a devise or bequest.

I do give, devise and bequeath to the "Apprentices' Library Company of Philadelphia"—

Donations and subscriptions will be received by the Treasurer, or by any of the Managers.

The Library is open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings, and on Saturday afternoon and evening.